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TITLE: Hypersensitive response elicitor from *Pseudomonas syringae* and its use

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## CLAIMS:

What is claimed:

1. An isolated hypersensitive response eliciting protein or polypeptide selected from the group consisting of (i) a protein or polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID. No. 2, (ii) a protein or polypeptide encoded by a DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence of SEQ. ID. No. 1, and (iii) a protein or polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule from a source other than *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. tomato which hybridizes to a DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence of SEQ. ID. No. 1 under stringent conditions comprising hybridization at a temperature of about 65.degree. C. in a hybridization medium comprising about 1M NaCl.
2. An isolated protein or polypeptide according to claim 1, wherein the protein or polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID. No. 2.
3. An isolated protein or polypeptide according to claim 1, wherein the protein or polypeptide is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule from a source other than *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. tomato which hybridizes to a DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence of SEQ. ID. No. 1 under stringent conditions comprising hybridization at a temperature of about 65.degree. C. in a hybridization medium comprising about 1M NaCl.
4. An isolated protein or polypeptide according to claim 1, wherein the protein or polypeptide is encoded by a DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence of SEQ. ID. No. 1.
5. A composition comprising:  
  
a protein or polypeptide according to claim 1 and a carrier.
6. A composition according to claim 5 further comprising an additive selected from the group consisting of fertilizer, insecticide, fungicide, nematocide, and mixtures thereof.

immunoblots with anti-HrpW antibodies used in conjunction with the Western Light chemiluminescence assay. Lanes: 4, Pel domain fragment; 5, hypersensitive response elicitor domain fragment; 6, HrpW.

FIG. 5 shows the elicitation in tobacco leaves of active tissue death indicative of the HR by cell-free preparations containing HrpW and the N-terminal fragment. The protein preparations analyzed in FIG. 4 were infiltrated into tobacco leaves, in some cases with 1.0 mM Lanthanum chloride. Leaves were photographed 48-hr later. Panels: A., *P. syringae* pv. *syringae* 61 HrpZ (0.12 .mu.g/ml); B, HrpW; C, harpin domain fragment of HrpW (0.22 .mu.g/ml); D, HrpZ+lanthanum chloride; E, HrpW+lanthanum chloride; F, Pel domain fragment of HrpW (1.40 .mu.g/ml).

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION:

##### 1 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

2 The present invention relates to an isolated DNA molecule having a nucleotide sequence of SEQ. ID. No. 1 as follows:

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TCCACTTCGC TGATTTTGAA ATTGGCAGAT TCATAGAAAC GTTCAGGTGT GGAAATCAGG      60
CTGAGTGCGC AGATTTCGTT GATAAGGGTG TGGTACTGGT CATTGTTGGT CATTTCAAGG      120
CCTCTGAGTG CGGTGCGGAG CAATACCACT CTTCTGCTG GCGTGTGCAC ACTGAGTCGC      180
AGGCATAGGC ATTTTCAGTTC CTTGCGTTGG TTGGGGATAT AAAAAAAGGA ACTTTTAAAA      240
ACAGTGCAAT GAGATGCCGG CAAAACGGGA ACCGGTCGCT GCGCTTTGCC ACTCACTTCG      300
AGCAAGCTCA ACCCCAAACA TCCACATCCC TATCGAACGG ACAGCGATAC GGCCACTTGC      360
TCTGGTAAAC CCTGGAGCTG GCGTCGGTCC AATTGCCCAC TTAGCGAGGT AACGCAGCAT      420
GAGCATCGGC ATCACACCCC GGCCGCAACA GACCACCACG CCACTCGATT TTTCGGCGCT      480
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CCCGAGTGCA CTGTTGTTCG GCAGCGACAC ACAGAAAGAC GTCAACTTCG GCACGCCCCG      600
CAGCACCGTC CAGAATCCGC AGGACGCCAG CAAGCCCAAC GACAGCCAGT CCAACATCGC      660
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GCAGGACACC AATCAGGAAC AGCCTGATAG CCAGGCTCCT TTCCAGAACA ACGGCGGGCT      780
CGGTACACCG TCGGCCGATA GCGGGGGCGG CGGTACACCG GATGCGACAG GTGGCGGCGG      840
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TGGCGGCAGC GGTGGCGGCG GCACACCCAC TGCAACAGGT GGCGGCAGCG GTGGCACACC      960
CACTGCAACA GGCGGTGGCG AGGGTGGCGT AACACCGCAA ATCACTCCGC AGTTGGCCAA      1020
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CGGCAAGATC AATGTGGTGA AAGACACCAT CAAGGTCGGC GCTGGCGAAG TCTTTGACGG      1140
CCACGGCGCA ACCTTCACTG CCGACAAATC TATGGGTAAC GGAGACCAGG GCGAAAATCA      1200
GAAGCCCATG TTCGAGCTGG CTGAAGGCGC TACGTTGAAG AATGTGAACC TGGGTGAGAA      1260
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TCGCACCAAC GGTGGCAAGC AGTTTGATGA CATGAGCATC GAGCTGAACG GCATCGAAGC      1560
TAACCACGGC AAGTTCGCCC TGGTGAAAAG CGACAGTGAC GATCTGAAGC TGGCAACGGG      1620
CAACATCGCC ATGACCGACG TCAAACACGC CTACGATAAA ACCCAGGCAT CGACCCAACA      1680
CACCGAGCTT TGAATCCAGA CAAGTAGCTT GAAAAAAGG GGTGGACTC      1729

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- 3 This DNA molecule is known as the hrpW gene. This isolated DNA molecule of the present invention encodes a protein or polypeptide which elicits a plant pathogen's hypersensitive response having an amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID. No. 2 as follows:

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Met Ser Ile Gly Ile Thr Pro Arg Pro Gln Gln Thr Thr Thr Pro Leu
1           5           10           15
Asp Phe Ser Ala Leu Ser Gly Lys Ser Pro Gln Pro Asn Thr Phe Gly
          20           25           30
Glu Gln Asn Thr Gln Gln Ala Ile Asp Pro Ser Ala Leu Leu Phe Gly
          35           40           45
Ser Asp Thr Gln Lys Asp Val Asn Phe Gly Thr Pro Asp Ser Thr Val
          50           55           60
Gln Asn Pro Gln Asp Ala Ser Lys Pro Asn Asp Ser Gln Ser Asn Ile
65           70           75           80
Ala Lys Leu Ile Ser Ala Leu Ile Met Ser Leu Leu Gln Met Leu Thr
          85           90           95
Asn Ser Asn Lys Lys Gln Asp Thr Asn Gln Glu Gln Pro Asp Ser Gln
          100          105          110
Ala Pro Phe Gln Asn Asn Gly Gly Leu Gly Thr Pro Ser Ala Asp Ser
          115          120          125
Gly Gly Gly Gly Thr Pro Asp Ala Thr Gly Gly Gly Gly Gly Asp Thr
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Pro Ser Ala Thr Gly Gly Gly Gly Gly Asp Thr Pro Thr Ala Thr Gly
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Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly Gly Thr Pro Thr Ala Thr Gly Gly Gly  
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195 200 205  
Gly Ser Val Ser Asp Thr Ala Gly Ser Thr Glu Gln Ala Gly Lys Ile  
210 215 220  
Asn Val Val Lys Asp Thr Ile Lys Val Gly Ala Gly Glu Val Phe Asp  
225 230 235 240  
Gly His Gly Ala Thr Phe Thr Ala Asp Lys Ser Met Gly Asn Gly Asp  
245 250 255  
Gln Gly Glu Asn Gln Lys Pro Met Phe Glu Leu Ala Glu Gly Ala Thr  
260 265 270  
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275 280 285  
Lys Ala Lys Asn Ala Gln Glu Val Thr Ile Asp Asn Val His Ala Gln  
290 295 300  
Asn Val Gly Glu Asp Leu Ile Thr Val Lys Gly Glu Gly Gly Ala Ala  
305 310 315 320  
Val Thr An Leu Asn Ile Lys Asn Ser Ser Ala Lys Gly Ala Asp Asp  
325 330 335  
Lys Val Val Gln Leu Asn Ala Asn Thr His Leu Lys Ile Asp Asn Phe  
340 345 350  
Lys Ala Asp Asp Phe Gly Thr Met Val Arg Thr Asn Gly Gly Lys Gln  
355 360 365  
Phe Asp Asp Met Ser Ile Glu Leu Asn Gly Ile Glu Ala Asn His Gly  
370 375 380  
Lys Phe Ala Leu Val Lys Ser Asp Ser Asp Asp Leu Lys Leu Ala Thr  
385 390 395 400  
Gly Asn Ile Ala Met Thr Asp Val Lys His Ala Tyr Asp Lys Thr Gln  
405 410 415  
Ala Ser Thr Gln His Thr Glu Leu

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TCGCACCAAC GGTGGCAAGC AGTTTGATGA CATGAGCATC GAGCTGAACG GCATCGAAGC      1560
TAACCACGGC AAGTTCGCCC TGGTGAAAAG CGACAGTGAC GATCTGAAGC TGGCAACGGG      1620
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          20           25           30
Glu Gln Asn Thr Gln Gln Ala Ile Asp Pro Ser Ala Leu Leu Phe Gly
          35           40           45
Ser Asp Thr Gln Lys Asp Val Asn Phe Gly Thr Pro Asp Ser Thr Val
          50           55           60
Gln Asn Pro Gln Asp Ala Ser Lys Pro Asn Asp Ser Gln Ser Asn Ile
65           70           75           80
Ala Lys Leu Ile Ser Ala Leu Ile Met Ser Leu Leu Gln Met Leu Thr
          85           90           95
Asn Ser Asn Lys Lys Gln Asp Thr Asn Gln Glu Gln Pro Asp Ser Gln
          100          105          110
Ala Pro Phe Gln Asn Asn Gly Gly Leu Gly Thr Pro Ser Ala Asp Ser
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          130          135          140
Pro Ser Ala Thr Gly Gly Gly Gly Gly Asp Thr Pro Thr Ala Thr Gly
145          150          155          160

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Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly Gly Thr Pro Thr Ala Thr Gly Gly Gly  
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210 215 220  
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225 230 235 240  
Gly His Gly Ala Thr Phe Thr Ala Asp Lys Ser Met Gly Asn Gly Asp  
245 250 255  
Gln Gly Glu Asn Gln Lys Pro Met Phe Glu Leu Ala Glu Gly Ala Thr  
260 265 270  
Leu Lys Asn Val Asn Leu Gly Glu Asn Glu Val Asp Gly Ile His Val  
275 280 285  
Lys Ala Lys Asn Ala Gln Glu Val Thr Ile Asp Asn Val His Ala Gln  
290 295 300  
Asn Val Gly Glu Asp Leu Ile Thr Val Lys Gly Glu Gly Gly Ala Ala  
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Val Thr An Leu Asn Ile Lys Asn Ser Ser Ala Lys Gly Ala Asp Asp  
325 330 335  
Lys Val Val Gln Leu Asn Ala Asn Thr His Leu Lys Ile Asp Asn Phe  
340 345 350  
Lys Ala Asp Asp Phe Gly Thr Met Val Arg Thr Asn Gly Gly Lys Gln  
355 360 365  
Phe Asp Asp Met Ser Ile Glu Leu Asn Gly Ile Glu Ala Asn His Gly  
370 375 380  
Lys Phe Ala Leu Val Lys Ser Asp Ser Asp Asp Leu Lys Leu Ala Thr  
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435/874, 536/23.1, 536/23.7, 800/301

## CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. An isolated gene encoding a *Pseudomonas syringae* protein capable of eliciting a hypersensitive response when said protein is introduced into tissue of a plant with which a *Pseudomonas syringae* pathogen is incompatible, under normal plant growth conditions, wherein the hypersensitive response is characterized by localized cell death in the plant tissue where the protein is introduced, the protein is glycine rich, lacks cysteine, is heat stable, lacks amino-terminal signal peptides, and is hydrophilic.
2. An isolated gene according to claim 1, wherein the protein has a molecular weight of 34.7 kDa.
3. An isolated gene according to claim 2, wherein the protein has an amino acid sequence corresponding to SEQ. ID. No. 5.
4. An isolated gene according to claim 3, wherein the DNA molecule has a nucleotide acid sequence corresponding to SEQ. ID. No. 4.
5. An isolated gene according to claim 1, wherein the protein is a protein fragment comprising a 25.1 kDa carboxyl terminal fragment.
6. An isolated gene according to claim 1, wherein the protein has repeat amino acid sequences corresponding to SEQ. ID. Nos. 1 and 2.
7. An expression system containing the gene according to claim,1.
8. An expression system according to claim 7, wherein the protein has a molecular weight of 34.7 kDa.
9. An expression system according to claim 8, wherein the protein has an amino acid sequence corresponding to SEQ. ID. No. 5.
10. An expression system according to claim 9, wherein the gene has a nucleotide sequence corresponding to SEQ. ID. No. 4.



11. An expression system according to claim 7, wherein the protein has a molecular weight of 25.1 kDa.
12. A host cell containing the gene according to claim 1, wherein the DNA molecule is heterologous to the host cell.
13. A host cell according to claim 12, wherein the protein has a molecular weight of 34.7 kDa.
14. A host cell according to claim 13, wherein the protein has an amino acid sequence corresponding to SEQ. ID. No. 5.
15. A host cell according to claim 14, wherein the gene has a nucleotide sequence corresponding to SEQ. ID. No. 4.
16. A host cell according to claim 12, wherein the protein has a molecular weight of 25.1 kDa.
17. A host cell according to claim 12, wherein the gene is in an expression system.
18. A transgenic plant containing the gene according to claim 1.
19. A transgenic plant according to claim 18, wherein the protein has a molecular weight of 34.7 kDa.
20. A transgenic plant according to claim 19, wherein the protein has an amino acid sequence corresponding to SEQ. ID. No. 5.
21. A transgenic plant according to claim 20, wherein the gene has a nucleotide sequence corresponding to SEQ. ID. No. 4.
22. A transgenic plant according to claim 18, wherein the protein has a molecular weight of 25.1 kDa.
23. A transgenic plant according to claim 18, wherein the protein has repeat amino acid sequences corresponding to SEQ. ID. Nos. 1 and 2.
24. An isolated gene according to claim 1, wherein the protein comprises the amino acid sequence Gly Gly Gly Leu Gly Thr Pro.
25. An isolated gene according to claim 1, wherein the protein comprises the amino acid sequence Gln Thr Gly Thr.
26. An isolated gene according to claim 1, wherein the isolated gene is a fragment of pHIR11.
27. An isolated nucleic acid having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.
28. An isolated nucleic acid fragment of the nucleic acid of claim 27, said fragment having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:6.
29. An isolated nucleic acid fragment of the nucleic acid of claim 28, said fragment having the nucleotide sequence of bases 1-648 of SEQ ID NO:6.
30. *Escherichia coli* DH5.alpha.(pSYH10) which is ATCC deposit no. 69317.

promoters of plant genes to develop specific transgenic plants. When the plant gene is "turned on", harpin would be expressed and the plant cell killed. Some appropriate plant gene promoters and their projected uses include genes involved in pollen development (resulting in the development of male sterile plants); genes that are expressed in response to infection by fungi, e.g. genes encoding phenylalanine ammonia lyase and chalcone synthase (the plant cell would be killed thereby limiting the progress of the fungus and making the plant resistant to fungal diseases); and genes involved in the development of senescence (to facilitate harvest, expression of hrp genes would result in defoliation).

- 55 Still another use of harpin within the scope of the present invention would be the use of harpin as a "target molecule" with which chemical compounds would be designed to react and thereby inactivate the bacterial harpin, which, because it is essential for disease, would provide a specific bacteriacide target.
- 56 Thus while we have illustrated and described the preferred embodiment of our invention, it is to be understood that this invention is capable of variation and modification, and we therefore do not wish to be limited to the precise terms set forth, but desire to avail ourselves of such changes and alterations which may be made for adapting the invention to various usages and conditions. Such variations and modifications, for example, would include the substitution of structurally similar sequences, for both the elicitor and hrpZ genes provided herein (whether derived from natural sources or synthetically manufactured), which function to yield substantially similar activities to those specifically described above. Thus, changes in sequence by the substitution, deletion, insertion or addition of nucleic acids (in the DNA sequences) or amino acids (in the peptide sequences) which do not substantially alter the function of those sequences specifically described above are deemed to be within the scope of the present invention. In addition, those fragments of the oligonucleotide sequence designated sequence No. 3 in the above sequence listing, i.e. the sequences shown as pSYH10, pSYH4, pSYH5, pSYH12, pSYH32, pSYH8, pSYH9, pSYH47, pSYH33, pSYH12, pSYH26, pSYH32 and pSYH33 are deemed to be within the scope of the present invention. Accordingly, such changes and alterations are properly intended to be within the full range of equivalents, and therefore within the purview of the following claims.
- 57 A listing of the nucleotide and amino acids described in the present application are as follows:

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#### SEQUENCE LISTING

- (1) GENERAL INFORMATION:  
(iii) NUMBER OF SEQUENCES: 6  
(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:1:  
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:  
(A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids  
(B) TYPE:amino acid  
(C) STRANDEDNESS:single  
(D) TOPOLOGY:linear  
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE:peptide  
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:1:  
GlyGlyGlyLeuGlyThrPro  
(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:2:  
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:  
(A) LENGTH: 4 amino acids  
(B) TYPE:amino acid  
(C) STRANDEDNESS:single  
(D) TOPOLOGY:linear  
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE:peptide  
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:  
GlnThrGlyThr  
(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:3:

## (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 1400 base pairs

(B) TYPE:nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS:single

(D) TOPOLOGY:linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE:DNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:3:

GATCCGGAAGTCCGTCGTCAGTTCTGATTTCTTGACGCCCCCTTCATACC50

TGAGGGGGCTGCTACTTTTAGGAGGTTGTG80

ATGCAGAGTCTCAGTCTTAACAGCAGCTCGCTGCAAACC119

CCGGCAATGGCCCTTGTCCTGGTACGTCTGAAGCCGAG158

ACGACTGGCAGTACGTGAGCAAGGCGCTTCAGGAAGTT197

GTCGTGAAGCTGGCCGAGGAAGTATGCGCAATGGTCAA236

CTCGACGACAGCTCGCCATTGGGAAAAGTGTGGCCAAG275

TCGATGGCCGAGATGGCAAGGCGGGCGGCGGTATTGAG314

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TGCGGTTCGATGAAGAAAGCCTCCGGGACTGGAGACGCGCTGGATATC1400

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:4:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 1023 base pairs

(B) TYPE:nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS:single

(D) TOPOLOGY:linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE:DNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:4:

ATGCAGAGTCTCAGTCTTAACAGCAGCTCGCTGCAAACC39

CCGGCAATGGCCCTTGTCCTGGTACGTCTGAAGCCGAG78

ACGACTGGCAGTACGTGAGCAAGGCGCTTCAGGAAGTT117

GTCTGTGAAGCTGGCCGAGGAAGTATGCGCAATGGTCAA156

CTCGACGACAGCTCGCCATTGGGAAAAGTGTGGCCAAG195

TCGATGGCCGAGATGGCAAGGCGGGCGGCGGTATTGAG234

GATGTCATCGCTGCGCTGGACAAGCTGATCCATGAAAAG273

CTCGGTGACAAGTTCGGCGCGTCTGCGGACAGCGCCTCG312

GGTACCGGACAGCAGGACCTGATGACTCAGGTGCTCAAT351

GGCCTGGCCAAGTCGATGCTCGATGATCTTCTGACCAAG390

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:5:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 341 amino acids

(B) TYPE:amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS:single

(D) TOPOLOGY:linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE:peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:5:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 945 base pairs

(B) TYPE:nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS:single

(D) TOPOLOGY:linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE:DNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:6:

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## CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. An isolated gene encoding a *Pseudomonas syringae* protein capable of eliciting a hypersensitive response when said protein is introduced into tissue of a plant with which a *Pseudomonas syringae* pathogen is incompatible, under normal plant growth conditions, wherein the hypersensitive response is characterized by localized cell death in the plant tissue where the protein is introduced, the protein is glycine rich, lacks cysteine, is heat stable, lacks amino-terminal signal peptides, and is hydrophilic.
2. An isolated gene according to claim 1, wherein the protein has a molecular weight of 34.7 kDa.
3. An isolated gene according to claim 2, wherein the protein has an amino acid sequence corresponding to SEQ. ID. No. 5.
4. An isolated gene according to claim 3, wherein the DNA molecule has a nucleotide acid sequence corresponding to SEQ. ID. No. 4.
5. An isolated gene according to claim 1, wherein the protein is a protein fragment comprising a 25.1 kDa carboxyl terminal fragment.
6. An isolated gene according to claim 1, wherein the protein has repeat amino acid sequences corresponding to SEQ. ID. Nos. 1 and 2.
7. An expression system containing the gene according to claim, 1.
8. An expression system according to claim 7, wherein the protein has a

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## CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. An isolated protein which elicits a hypersensitive response in different plant species when said protein is introduced into leaf tissue of a plant under normal plant growth condition, wherein said protein is encoded by a nucleic acid sequence which hybridizes to the nucleic acid of SEQ. ID. No. 4 under stringent conditions of 0.4 x SSC, 0.2% SDS washing at 65.degree. C. or wherein said protein is protease sensitive and heat stable at 100.degree. C. for at least one minute.
2. The isolated protein according to claim 1 which has a molecular size of 44 Kd and a pI of 4.3.
3. The isolated protein according to claim 1 which is a hypersensitive response elicitor protein from an Erwinia, Pseudomonas, or Xanthomonas pathogen.
4. The isolated peptide according to claim 1, wherein said protein is purified.
5. The isolated peptide according to claim 1, wherein said protein has no cysteine.
6. An isolated protein which elicits a hypersensitive response in different plant species when said protein is introduced into leaf tissue of a plant under normal plant growth conditions, wherein the hypersensitive response eliciting protein is from an Erwinia pathogen.
7. The isolated protein according to claim 6, wherein the Erwinia pathogen is Erwinia amylovora.
8. The isolated protein according to claim 7, wherein said protein has a molecular weight of 44 kDa as determined by SDS polyacrylamide gel

electrophoresis.

9. The isolated protein according to claim 7, wherein said protein has an amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID. No. 2.

10. The isolated protein according to claim 6, wherein the *Erwinia* pathogen is *Erwinia chrysanthemi*.

11. The isolated protein according to claim 6, wherein the *Erwinia* pathogen is *Erwinia stewartii*.

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## CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. An isolated *Pseudomonas syringae* protein capable of eliciting a hypersensitive response when said protein is introduced into tissue of a plant with which a *Pseudomonas syringae* pathogen is incompatible, under normal plant growth conditions, wherein the hypersensitive response is characterized by localized cell death in the plant tissue where the protein is introduced, the protein is glycine rich, lacks cysteine, is heat stable, lacks amino-terminal signal peptides, and is hydrophilic.
2. An isolated *Pseudomonas syringae* protein according to claim 1, wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence Gly Gly Gly Leu Gly Thr Pro.
3. An isolated *Pseudomonas syringae* protein according to claim 1, wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence Gln Thr Gly Thr.
4. An isolated protein according to claim 1, wherein the protein has a molecular weight of 34.7 kDa.
5. An isolated protein according to claim 4, wherein the protein has an amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID. No. 5.
6. An isolated protein according to claim 1, wherein the protein lacks tyrosine.
7. An isolated protein according to claim 1, wherein the protein has repeat amino acid sequences of SEQ. ID. Nos. 1 and 2.
8. An isolated protein according to claim 1, wherein the protein is purified.
9. An isolated protein according to claim 1, wherein the protein is recombinant.
10. An isolated protein fragment comprising a 25.1 carboxyl terminal fragment of the protein of claim 1.



11. An isolated protein fragment of the protein of claim 1 comprising amino acids 194 to 341 of SEQ ID NO:5.